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Assad sends messages to Amman, Riyadh

His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday received the Syrian Chief of Staff General Hikmat Chihabi, who delivered a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad dealing with bilateral relations.

At the same time Syrian Major General Naji Jamil arrived in Riyadh with a similar message to Saudi Arabia's King Khaled from the Syrian president.



JALLOUD IN FRANCE. — Libyan Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud (left) is pictured during a meeting in Paris with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing (right). Tuesday, with an interpreter in centre. Mr. Jalloud made a fast one-day visit to Paris for talks with top French leaders. (AP wirephoto).

MPLA victories in Angola may lead to clashes with South Africans

LUANDA, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — People's Liberation Movement (MPLA) troops today captured the town of Sa Da Bandeira (now Lubango) formerly held by the rival National Union for Total Independence (UNITA) some 1,000 kms south of here, Luanda radio announced tonight.

The capture of Sa Da Bandeira, a former South African base inside Angola meant that the MPLA troops had thrust some 350 kms further south since Tuesday when they reportedly took the two important Atlantic seaboard ports of Lobito and Benguela.

The radio also reported that a radio station in Mocimedes, one of the remaining major towns in Southern Angola previously held by UNITA, today announced that the town was

also under attack by the MPLA. Fighting had been going on there since late today, the radio said.

After this rapid advance the MPLA troops are now only some 300 kms as the crow flies from the South African line of defence along the Southern Angolan border with Namibia (southwest Africa) where there are 4,000 to 5,000 South African troops.

A 75-kilometre column of refugees was tonight heading for the South African front line in southern Angola, just ahead of MPLA forces, senior government sources said in Johannesburg.

South African forces were dug in around the Caluque dam system, 25 kilometres over the border from Namibia as the 90,000-strong column headed south.

South Africa has said it will stand and fight at the South African-financed dam, which supplies electricity to Namibia. Meanwhile Angolan People's Republic President Agostinho Neto said in a Soviet television interview broadcast here today

that the Soviet Union had never dictated his government's policy.

He said it was the "American imperialists" who "are trying to dictate their will to us, to tell us what government we should have and what style of life we should choose for the country."

The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) today recognised the MPLA as the legitimate government of Angola.

Recognition came in a communique from O.A.U. headquarters in Addis Ababa announcing the admission of the People's Republic of Angola as the organisation's 47th member state.

With the OAU recognition the Luanda-based People's Republic of Angola got the biggest diplomatic boost of its short life as it reported its troops were continuing to pile up major victories on the battlefield.

In Brussels, the European Economic Community (EEC) countries are considering jointly recognising the MPLA proclaimed Angolan People's Republic, Belgian officials said today.

Lebanese cabinet to tackle peace terms

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The terms for settling the Lebanese crisis will be examined at a special cabinet meeting on Saturday and announced, Premier Rashid Karami said today.

All factions have agreed to conserve the traditional sharing of top political posts among the biggest religious groups, he told newsmen after today's cabinet meeting.

The presidency of the republic will continue to be reserved for a Maronite-Catholic, he specified, the premiership for a Sunni Moslem and the parliamentary speaker's seat for a Shia Moslem. Mr. Karami said that to argue over whether this agreement should be put in writing was "unjustified."

The main lines of a political compromise were tentatively agreed to as the basis for the ceasefire that went into effect on Jan. 22.

Details of the compromise have not been announced officially.

But Christian political leaders are known to have assented to an equal division of parliament between Moslems and Christians, and to election of the premier by parliament rather than having him appointed by the president as in the past.

As various factions continued to negotiate through Syrian mediators, conservative Christian leaders expressed fear that hostilities would break out again unless Palestinian forces respected Lebanese sovereignty as they agreed to do in 1969.

But these leaders have now expressed hope that a Syrian commitment on Saturday to guarantee the 1969 restrictions on Palestinian armed forces will

be carried out.

The Syrian promise apparently was one of the final touches to the plan for consolidating peace.

Cyprus talks will resume in Vienna next week

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 11 (R). — High level talks between leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities will be resumed in Vienna under the auspices of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on February 17, it was officially disclosed today.

Cyprus talks will resume in Vienna next week

Officials of the U.N. and the two sides confirmed the agreement.

While February 17 was the date that had been mentioned for some time, the formal announcement was held up because of disagreement over the agenda.

Informed sources said this problem had been overcome, but details were not disclosed.

The Greek Cypriot side will be represented by former acting president Glafkos Clerides and the Turkish Cypriot side by Mr. Rauf Denktaş.

Mr. Denktaş arrived back in Cyprus today after visiting Turkey for consultations with Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel and Foreign Minister Sabri Caglayangil.

The agreement was the only specific result of the meeting, attended by leaders of France, West Germany, Japan, Italy, Britain and the U.S.

French Finance Minister Jean-Pierre Fourcade said today the franc would remain in the European joint float—along with West Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Benelux countries—despite speculation against it.

The minister said after a cabinet meeting "devaluation is a word I don't know," and a government spokesman said the cabinet did not discuss the issue.

M. Fourcade's comment followed a similar comment from German Finance Minister Franz Josef Strauss dismissed as "crooked"

Dutch officials prepare dossier for Lockheed bribes inquiry

THE HAGUE, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — The Dutch Government today was assembling a dossier for an independent commission of inquiry into allegations that Prince Bernhard had received one million dollars from the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation.

Prime Minister Joop den Uyl set up the commission yesterday.

He said the government had concluded that Prince Bernhard — Inspector-General of the Dutch armed forces — was the unnamed high Dutch official said by Lockheed President A.C. Kottchian to have received the money to promote company sales.

Prince Bernhard, 64, German-born and highly popular because of his role in fighting the Nazi occupation of Holland in World War Two, has firmly denied the allegations and welcomed the inquiry.

In Mainz West German Christian Democrat and former defence minister Franz-Josef Strauss dismissed as "crooked"

set to sign JS contract

ON, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The United States is about to sign a \$200 million dollar contract with Saudi Arabia for sale of arms and of naval installations, sources said here.

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DOING FINE. — Christopher Wall, Jr., born last August with his heart outside his body, and six months old Tuesday, gets an assist from his mother Theresa as a Philadelphia, Pa., hospital nurse gives him a bath. The child's tiny but vigorous heart is seen bulging from his chest at centre. He faces a series of operations to make him normal, though he is the first known child with this defect to have lived so long.

20,000 now feared dead in Guatemala

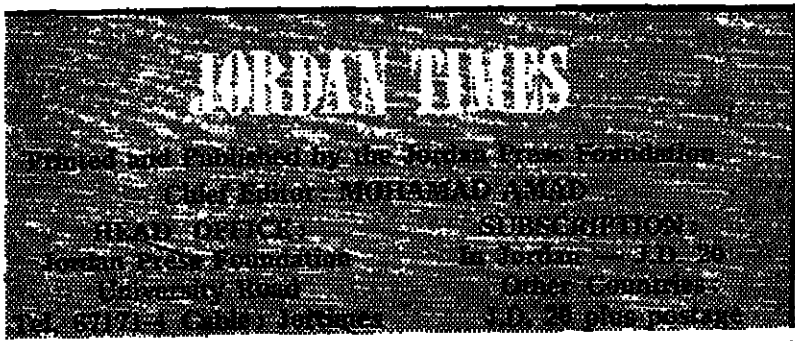
GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 11, (R). — The death toll from last week's earthquake that devastated Guatemala mounted steadily today as Relief workers struggled to help more than a million hungry victims living in cold and worsening squalor. Informed sources said the final toll was certain to top 20,000.

Both Guatemalan and foreign relief sources said that the death toll was rising as the rescuers reached more smashed villages in the highlands north of here and badly injured victims died in the overcrowded hospitals.

The national emergency committee's latest figure was due to be announced Thursday, and the sources said that by that time the death toll was likely to be over 20,000, rising further in the days ahead.

They said the number of injured people treated so far was more than 70,000 and more than a million people—a fifth of the total population of the country—were homeless.

Many of the survivors were camping out in the Stinking rubble of the Shattered towns and villages in near-freezing night-time temperatures. In the capital, hundreds of thousands slept in the streets.



Sensible talks

It has taken some ten months of often difficult negotiations, but the representatives of the world's industrialised and developing nations sat down in Paris yesterday and began the substantive work that will lead to some form of new international economic order.

In the constructive spirit of the meeting — or the north-south dialogue, as it has come to be popularly known — there has already been a good deal of compromise on both sides. This augurs well for what the meeting will produce in the coming year.

It is worthwhile to remember that these global economic talks started out in an atmosphere of confrontation. In the wake of the 1973 oil price increases by OPEC, the western states, particularly the United States, were adamant about somehow forcing down the price of oil. They talked about a meeting with the oil producers to discuss the oil and energy situation.

For their part, the oil producers were in no need to discuss energy, because there was nothing for them to discuss. Their marketing potential was assured, and their national incomes were beefed up. The "energy crisis" label was a western invention. There was no crisis in OPEC.

From that point, the oil producers insisted that any talks between the industrial states and the oil producers (and their Third World colleagues) would have to tackle much more than simply working out guarantees for the western states' energy supplies. The OPEC states insisted, and the U.S. and its industrialised allies finally came around to this point of view.

Now the meetings are moving ahead with four commissions to discuss energy, raw materials, development aid and international finance. This is a far cry from a meeting to discuss only guaranteed oil supplies to the world's industrial powers, and one welcomes the participants' belated recognition of the need for such an all-encompassing discussion.

The talks will go on for at least a year, and they will be relatively low-key in nature. It is a matter of high irony and deep symbolism that the talks are taking place in the International Conference Centre, the site of the Vietnam peace talks. The symbolism is not to be lost.

Since the Vietnam war and the 1973 oil price increases, there has been a fundamental inversion in the economic and political balance of power in the world. It is not the kind of thing that is obvious overnight, but it will slowly make itself clear as these talks unfold and the industrial states find themselves negotiating with the Third World commodity producers, instead of dictating to them.

The fact that the talks are taking place in the same building where the world's major industrial power spent two years working out a face-saving agreement to extract itself from a monumental mistake is interesting indeed. Today, that building hosts representatives of the world's two major camps — the rich and the poor — in a spirit that has shed some of its coercive edge and adopted a more noble cloak of cooperation and consultation. This is a major step forward for everybody.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Ra'i and Ad Dustour Wednesday called for quick and decisive action against the Zionist plans, to stop the conspiracy being carried out by the occupation authorities against the third holiest shrine in Islam, Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque.

Both papers urged Arab and Moslem leaders to put aside disagreements and misunderstandings to stop the treacherous Zionist intrigue which aims at uprooting the Arab and Moslem heritage of the holy city of Jerusalem.

Al Ra'i said the Zionist leaders always expressed that Israel will never by a real state unless Jerusalem becomes as Jewish as the Israeli state itself. The struggle of our citizens in the West Bank in resisting oppression and aggression by demonstrating against the Israeli occupation authorities is the last resort they have at hand, Al Rai said.

The paper added that it is not enough for the Arabs just to praise such demonstrations, but have to take up immediate

plans to stop the Zionist plot which will allow the Jews to pray in Al Aqsa mosque.

The paper concluded that catastrophe is hanging around the Arabs and Moslems, if they do not stop the Zionist move and their failure to do so makes them deserve the curse of history.

Ad Dustour said the tragedy being carried out these days against the Moslems and the Arabs in Jerusalem is as dangerous as the 1967 relapse, the Lebanese crisis and the Algerian-Moroccan dispute.

The paper said that action is needed now since the people will not forgive their leaders in underestimating the seriousness of the problem and their inaction to do something about it.

Al Ra'i and Ad Dustour expressed gratitude to our heroes in the West Bank who are using all available means to express their disgust and disapproval of the proposed measures by the Israeli occupation authorities.

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ARTIFICIAL CRISIS. — These Amman residents lined up for hours Tuesday to get tankfuls of heating fuel as the city suddenly found itself short. The Cabinet Wednesday proclaimed that the "crisis" is an artificial one, prompted by hoarding. (Photo by Firas).

UNRWA distributes supplies to Palestine refugee camps in Lebanon

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has announced that,

with the end of the recent fighting in Lebanon, it has been able to distribute much needed blankets and foodstuffs and make medical supplies available to Palestine refugees affected by the disturbances in the camps near Beirut.

The emergency relief has been provided in Debayeh, Dikwaneh and Jisr el Pacha camps, which normally accommodate more than 11,000 refugees.

In Chatila, Burj El Barajneh and Mar Elias camps, also in the Beirut area, and affected by the fighting, but to a lesser degree, the Agency was able to maintain limited relief and health services during the fighting.

Many refugee shelters in Social affairs department moved

AMMAN. — Following the creation of the new Ministry of Labour in last week's cabinet, the Department of Social Affairs, with all its present employees will be attached to the Ministry of Health within the next few days, Premier Zeid Rifai announced Wednesday.

As to other responsibilities of the defunct Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour these will be entrusted to other ministries as a measure of readjustment to the changes which accompanied the formation of the new cabinet.

Israeli cargo passage through Suez Canal is now routine

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The passage of cargoes to and from Israel through the Suez Canal is now a "routine event" Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told parliament today.

Replying to a parliamentary question, Mr Allon said all differences with Egypt over the cargoes, including what goods were permitted, had been resolved "through the good offices of the Americans. Non-military cargoes are allowed through the waterway to and from Israel as part of last September's disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel. Israeli vessels are barred from using it.

The Suez Canal was opened in June last year after remaining closed for eight years following the 1967 Middle East War.

these Beirut camps have been destroyed or damaged, particularly in Debayeh Camp.

There are altogether some 70,000 refugees registered with UNRWA in the Beirut area.

During the recent fighting, the level of UNRWA's operation (relief, health and education services) was about 20 per

cent of normal in Beirut.

Elsewhere in Lebanon, where a further 130,000 refugees are registered, the Agency's programmes have in general continued at a level of 80 per cent of normal, with occasional interruptions caused mainly by difficulties in communication and transport.

Agriculture ministry starts implementing northern Yarmouk river project

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Agriculture, in cooperation with the U.N. programme on nutrition, has started to implement a project aimed at developing agriculture in the northern highlands between the Yarmouk River and the Syrian border.

The project will group farmers into agricultural cooperatives and coordinate their work to lower costs and raise productivity. The farmers will also be trained in various agriculture fields and provided with technical advice and loans by the cooperatives society to enable them to replace present seed plantation with olive and fruit trees much more suited to the climate of the region.

Minister of Labour sworn in

AMMAN. — The new Minister of Labour, Mr Issam el Ajlouni, was sworn in Wednesday before His Majesty the King in the Royal Court. Present also was the Prime Minister Mr Zeid Rifai.

Mr Ajlouni was outside Jordan when the new government was formed and sworn in last Sunday.

W. Germany gives Jordan flour

AMMAN. — West Germany has donated to Jordan 2,649 tons of flour. This donation, said the West German Ambassador to Jordan Wednesday as he handed the relevant gift documents to Dr Subhi Amin Amru, Minister of Development and Reconstruction, expresses West German support for Jordan's on-going efforts to raise the standard of living of its citizens.

Public Works official returns

Amman. — Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Public Works, Mr Said Beno, returned here from a tour of several European countries, where he got an idea of European modern mechanical vehicles and their possible use by the ministry.

The project will work to prevent soil erosion and store water for irrigation purposes.

An estimated area of 56,000 dunums will be planted with olive trees, while 9,000 dunums will be planted with fruit trees.

Jordan will join land, fruit meetings

AMMAN. — Jordan will participate in the agricultural seminar which the Arab Centre for the Study of Arid and Barren Lands will hold in Baghdad next May, it was announced Wednesday.

The Ministry of Agriculture has also been invited to take part in a seminar on citrus fruit marketing to be held in Madrid next April.

The eight-day seminar is being organized by the International Trading Centre of the International Congress for Trade and Development.

Arab economists set for Amman meeting

AMMAN. — The Inter-Arab Economists Union will hold a seminar here next Monday to discuss Arab economic integration and prepare for the pan-Arab seminar to be held in Morocco next month.

The three-day Amman seminar will be attended by the Iraqi and Syrian economic ministers and representatives of economic associations in Kuwait, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Morocco.

Ministerial Receptions

AMMAN. — The Minister of Culture and Information, Mr Salah Abu Zeid received in his office Wednesday the Swiss and West German Ambassadors in Amman.

The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Hassan Ibrahim, for his part received in his office the Jordanian Ambassador in Cairo, Mr Midhat Jum'a.

Cabinet reviews fuel situation; issues assured

AMMAN. — The Cabinet in its session Wednesday described the present kerosene and diesel fuel crisis as artificial, and warned against unjustified hoarding.

Body meets over radio programmes for occupied lands

CAIRO. — The Commission for educational programmes beamed to Arab students in the Israeli occupied territories will hold its one-week meeting in Amman starting on Tuesday.

Several topics to be discussed include evaluation of programmes beamed by the concerned Arab Broadcasting stations during the past half-year and planning of programmes for the second half of the current academic year.

Jordan Radio has been broadcasting educational programmes on geography for the benefit of Arab students in the occupied areas. Syrian Radio broadcasts Arabic language programmes and Cairo Radio religion and history programmes.

The Commission held its last meeting in Cairo bank in October.

Bulgarian meat shipment arrives

AMMAN. — A new consignment of just slaughtered Bulgarian meat arrived here Wednesday, and will be followed by other consignments within the next few days.

This will help bring back to normal local meat prices that rose during the past several days, a spokesman of the Ministry of Supply said.

The Bulgarian meat will be sold at the normal current price, the spokesman added.

Chilean economic team arrives today

AMMAN. — A Chilean delegation headed by the Minister of Finance arrives here Thursday for a five-day visit to hold talks with government officials on closer cooperation between the two countries.

The delegation comprises several Chilean ministers and businessmen who will look over Jordan's five-year development projects for possible investment in them.

In its session Wednesday, the Cabinet in the light of facts and information provided by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, it is clear that the crisis is a "work-aided by unjustified necessary hoarding citizens."

The Cabinet releasing showing that the refinery output of kerosene exceeds consumption throughout the country. Furthermore, at the refinery's department to meet the requirement for 60 days of normal rate of consumption.

The Cabinet flat that an increase in fuel in the offering, and without speculation and port on the matter.

Aqaba port contracts signed

AMMAN. — Four will be built at the Aqaba, in accordance with contract signed here day between the Ministry of Transport and a consortium of British firms.

The piers, which completed in 1978 of JD 20 million, are plan to enlarge the port to handle more than 1 million tons of cargo.

U. of Damascus delegates leave

AMMAN. — Dr Fadel, President of the University, and his delegation left Damascus via Ramtha after a four-day visit.

During his visit, he held talks with Jordanian officials and signed a memorandum of understanding between the two universities.

The agreement aims at unified studies between the two institutions, exchange of knowledge, staff, and a mutual planned scientific research.

The Syrian delegation also ded the Vice President of the faculty and sciences.

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"I was on the right track last
autumn when I predicted an
old-fashioned winter with a
snowy, cold Christmas," he
added.

Sweden is having its coldest
winter in six years.

● HONG KONG. — A 28-year-
old man who was born mute
has been cured by acupuncture
in South Vietnam, Vietnam
News Agency reported. Dam
Trieu Hung started speaking a
few words after a week's acu-
puncture treatment combined
with western medicine at the
provincial hospital of Tra Vinh,
south of Saigon, last December,
the agency said. He can now
speak a whole sentence, it ad-
ded.

● CALUOKTA, Swedish
— A Lapp herdsman
fights the weather by
crying the hair on the belly
of a slaughtered reindeer
and thereby changed Sweden's offi-
cial meteorologists to a weath-
er-fighting contest. "I have
believed in meteorolog-
ical news agency Tete.
one was ready to match



ISRAELI ARMS. — An Israeli crew in an unidentified location in Israel is pictured Tuesday demonstrating an American surface-to-surface Lance missile mounted on an amphibious carrier. The Lance, which carries both conventional and nuclear warheads, was demonstrated for newsmen. Israeli Defence Minister Peres said during the ceremony that his country now awaits deliveries of the more advanced Pershing missile from the United States. (AP wirephoto).

Hopes of success high at start of Paris Dialogue

PARIS, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The deals of the two groups of coun-
"dialogue" between rich and
tries and because of differences
poor countries will get down to
inside each group on which are
serious business with the start
the most urgent issues.

The "19" last month submit-
ted a comprehensive list of sub-
jects they want to raise. The in-
dustrial powers have not pre-
sented any common proposal,
but the United States made a
short list at a preparatory meet-
ing last October.

The co-chairmen of the dif-
ferent commissions are expect-
ed to hold running consultations
and may set up working parties
on different subjects in order
to take into account the inter-
ests of all sides, conference
source said.

The first session of the four
commissions, each grouping se-
nior officials and experts of ten
developing and five industrial
countries, will last about ten
days. Under the agreed time-
table, covering the period up
to next July, they will hold si-
multaneous monthly sessions,
each lasting seven working
days, except in May.

In UNCTAD, which groups
developing socialist and indus-
trial countries, the Third World
has an overwhelming majority.

But even if the Western coun-
tries are outvoted, they can still
block implementation of the or-
ganisation's decisions.

So many hopes are staked on
the Paris dialogue, in spite of
the caution shown by the group
of 77 at Manila last week.

The approach is entirely dif-
ferent. The talks bring to-
gether few countries. Possible de-
cisions will require a consensus,
not a majority vote. And partic-
ipants will get to know each
other since they will be meet-
ing regularly until the end of
the year. "We will be able to
drop rhetoric, discuss concrete
formulas, throw in proposals
and counter-proposals."

The final results of the dia-
logue will in any case have to
be endorsed by the World com-
munity as a whole and other
bodies concerned.

Third-World delegates have
said a failure to achieve pro-
gress before the UNCTAD con-
ference in May might have dan-
gerous political repercussions.

However, in diplomatic quar-
ters it is recognised that there
has been a genuine shifting in
attitudes towards third-world
problems in the past year. No-
ting that America's world im-
age will be at stake in the dia-
logue, these sources express the
view that by accepting this
form of bargaining with devel-
oping countries, the United
States, the EEC, Japan and their
partners have put considerable
pressure on themselves to
reach some unified solution.

The industrial powers invol-
ved, including the United States,
Japan and the European
Economic Community, realise
that giving the poorer countries
a fairer deal will be in their own
interest.

The developing countries re-
affirmed at a conference in Ma-
nila last week that their target
is no less than a new interna-
tional economic order.

Delegates said there were
clear signs that the eight indus-
trial countries and the 19 Third
World nations, which include
seven oil producers, were all
eager to get down to business.

The four commissions — cov-
ering, energy, raw materials,
development and finance — have
still to clear some hurdles
before they can tackle concrete
issues. Each of them will have
to lay down the agenda for its
work and agree on its working
methods.

This raises problems of pri-
ority which may be hard to solve
because of the conflicting
Philippine forces on
alert in south

Somalia fears NATO attack

DAR ES SALAAM, Feb. 11. —
(AFP). — Somalia is threaten-
ed with attack from NATO forces,
but if it is attacked "we
shall hit back very seriously,"
Somali Ambassador to Tanza-
nia Abdulrahman Hassan Mo-
hammed said here.

He told a press conference
that an attack against Somalia
was an attack on the Organisa-
tion of African Unity (OAU)
and the world should not under-
estimate the seriousness of the
situation.

He accused France of send-
ing thousands of troops to Djib-
outi and said that more than
14 warships were deployed in
Somali territorial waters, in-
cluding aircraft carriers, des-
troyers and submarines.

Not all these ships were
French, the ambassador went
on.

"We know who is behind
this."

Somalia will defend its rights
"to the last", Mr. Hassan Mo-
hammed said. Meanwhile it had
sent a cable to the heads of
African states explaining the
gravity of the situation and ap-
pealing for help in bringing
about a French withdrawal
from "French Somaliland" (Dji-
bouti).

Green light for kissing footie lads

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AFP). —
English footballers may be
mollified to hear that the
kissing can continue.

The Football Association
disciplinary committee has
decided not to accept a re-
commendation that "these
practices should stop and
that players who continue
to act in this way should
be charged with bringing
the game into disrepute."

A FA spokesman today
explained: "the rule would
have been difficult to en-
force. How can you charge
a player for doing that sort
of thing."

"We don't know what it's
like to score the winning
goal in a cup tie," he ad-
ded.

Grumman pays Iran \$28m agents fees

WASHINGTON, Feb. (R). —
Grumman International, one of
the United States largest defence
contractors, has agreed to
pay Iran 28 million dollars
which the Iranian government
says the company paid impro-
perly to agents for a 2,200 mil-
lion jet fighter contract, the
Washington Post said today.

Iran's vice minister for war,
General Hassan Toufanian, was
quoted as saying an interview
with 'The Post' in Teheran that
Grumman International agreed
in writing to pay Iran 28 mil-
lion dollars against the govern-
ment's order for 80 F-14 com-
bat fighter planes.

The money, according to the
vice minister was improperly
paid to a U.S. company owned
by three Iranian-born as a com-
mission to get the 2,200 mil-
lion dollar contract.

U.N. body starts debate on Israeli violations

GENEVA, Feb. 11 (AFP). —
The United Nations Human
Rights Committee began a de-
bate here today on Israeli vio-
lations in occupied Arab terri-
tories.

Arab sources said it was
possible a resolution would be
introduced denouncing Zionism
as a form of racism.

Egypt, Senegal, Syria and the
Palestine Liberation Organisa-
tion (PLO) strongly criticised
Israel at today's session.

Egyptian delegate Ahmed Kha-
lifa accused Israel of consoli-
dating occupation of Arab terri-
tories with new settlers, ad-
ding that such practices under-
mined international legal order.

According to Syrian observer
Dia Allah Fattal, even with pe-
ace Israel was not prepared to
give up all the Golan, where
it planned a new town, and also
a business centre between the
Jewish and Arab parts of Je-
rusalem.

PLO observer Chawki Arma-
ly, speaking before the Israeli
representative who last year
walked out of a similar debate,
said Israel had carried out mas-
sive arrests, annexations, eco-
nomic exploitation and repri-
sals against the Arab popula-
tion of the occupied territories.

There should be political and
economic sanctions against Is-
rael, he said.

Bhutto's baggage takes two trucks

STOCKHOLM. — Two four-
ton trucks have been reserved
to carry the approximately 250
pieces of luggage belonging to
Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar
Ali Bhutto and his 48-per-
son entourage when he arrives
in Sweden on Feb. 20 for a
three-day visit, the newspaper
Svenska Dagbladet reported here.

Philippine forces on alert in south

MANILA, Feb. 11 (AFP). — The
Philippine armed forces in Min-
danao province have been put
on a state of alert, it was an-
nounced here today.

Admiral Romulo Espaldon,
commander of the southwest
military region said that the
Philippine authorities expected
a new rebel Moslem offensive
within the next two months, to
draw attention to the Islamic
conference being held in Istan-
bul in May.

Admiral Espaldon's statement
follows a recent increase in
guerrilla attacks by the Moslem
National Liberation Front on
the island of Mindanao.

Military sources said 172 peo-
ple had been killed during the
past two months.

Soviets breed natural agents for the battle of the bugs



Part of the team working on the incubator to transport the insects. (Photo by APN).

A Soviet research team is
working on the idea of breed-
ing special insects which can be
transported to where ever they
agent of other "pest" insects.

So using these natural enemies
of pests, to serve man.

Magnified many times is an egg eater laying eggs in those of
the curygaster bug thereby killing its larvae. (Photo by APN).

China alongside West in nuclear technology

PARIS, Feb. 11, (AFP). — "Revue Generale Nucleaire" publication.

"Hundreds of people work in each of the institutes, the teams are well set up, and the equipment is very sophisticated," he said.

Jean Teillac, High Commissioner for atomic energy, who recently visited China, says that some Chinese uranium-treating installations are as good as, and even better, than those in France.

"There are far more researchers in this field than in France," Mr Teillac told the French.

Korean trade team ends profitable stay in Kuwait

KUWAIT, Feb. 11, (R). — A South Korean private economic mission left here for Saudi Arabia after four days of talks with Kuwaiti business and government leaders.

The 11-member mission was led by the President of the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Wan Son Tee, who said that he expected the mission's discussions here to produce good results.

The party, which consists of executives from leading Korean industries like construction, steel, shipbuilding and engineering, was seeking an expansion in trade between the two countries and further co-operation between South Korean and Kuwaiti investment, shipping and other ventures, a spokesman said.

It had talks here with Finance Minister Abdel-Rahman Al-Atiqi, Commerce and Industry Minister Abdel-Wahab Al-Naffisi and other government officials and leading businessmen.

The mission left Seoul on Feb. 1 on a month-long tour of Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and India.

1976 begins with slump in new shipping orders

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R). — World orders for shipping have slumped to their lowest since 1972 although a record tonnage was launched in the last three months of 1975, Lloyds Register of Shipping said today.

The slump in orders — the books stood at 82.3 million gross tons at the end of 1975 — stemmed mainly from the collapse of the oil tanker market, Lloyds said.

The figure compares with 1974 orders of about 120 million tons. Full figures for the Soviet Union, China and Romania are not included.

Lloyds said that more than 18 million tons of tanker tonnage was cancelled during last year.

Japanese shipbuilders, often criticised for alleged price undercutting, led in orders, accounting for 31 million tons.

Sweden came second, the United States third and Britain fourth, with 6.5 million tons, 4.95 million tons and 4.93 million tons, respectively.

3 more are killed in Turkey avalanche

ISTANBUL, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Three workmen were killed and 25 injured today when an avalanche overtook a group of 70 men working along a railway line near Kangal in eastern Turkey.

Seventeen of the men were later missing, and railway teams were trying to reach those buried under the snow. A military helicopter sent to help had to turn back in a snowstorm.



PRAGUE AGREEMENT. — Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios (left) and his Czechoslovak counterpart Bohuslav Chnoupek (right) exchange documents after signing a bilateral agreement on cultural cooperation in Prague Tuesday.

India and Algeria sign trade expansion agreement

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11, (AFP). — India and Algeria signed a trade agreement providing for expansion of trade and economic relations between the two countries, today.

This is the first time that the two countries have signed an agreement on economic co-operation.

The agreement accords each country most-favoured treatment.

It also provides for setting up a joint committee to ensure development of trade between the two countries and reviewing implementation of the agreement.

Under the agreement, the two countries will exchange delegations during the current year to work out details of the trade plan.

The agreement, which was signed by the visiting Algerian Commerce Minister, Layachi Yaker, and his Indian counterpart, D. P. Chattopadhyaya, is valid for one year. But a clause was also provided for automatic renewal for similar periods.

Some of the items identified for export to Algeria from India are rice, sugar, industrial machinery and equipment, jute manufactures, iron and steel items and cement.

India is to import from Algeria items like olive oil, paper and paper goods, mining products, crude oil, petroleum products, rock phosphate, fertilisers and mercury.

Speaking after the signing of the agreement, both Mr Yaker and Mr Chattopadhyaya described it as an important one, providing the basis for backing up the good relationship between the two countries on the

Japanese Internationals will market Venezuela's crude oil exports

TOKYO, Feb. 11, (AFP). — Major Japanese trading firms and commercial banks will jointly set up a company here April 1 to market Venezuelan crude oil around the world in competition with Western international oil distributors.

The new firm, tentatively called Venezuela Oil Trading Co., will act as the first overseas sales agent for Venezuela's state-run oil corporation, Petroven.

The venture is based on an agreement initiated in Caracas recently between the Venezuelan government and a mission sent by the private Japan-Venezuela Economic Co-operation conference (JAVEC).

Venezuela nationalized its oil industry at the end of last year placing oil production and sales under state control.

Of about 2 million barrels of crude oil produced per day, 1.5 million barrels are bought back by Exxon, Royal Dutch Shell and other major oil companies for distribution through their marketing networks.

The remaining 500,000 barrels are available to the Venezuelan government for direct sales, but lack of distribution channels of its own has made it difficult for the government to sell directly.

Setting up the Japanese company will be the first attempt to solve the problem.

A meeting of organisers is scheduled for later this month in Tokyo to lay the groundwork for the April 1 inauguration.

Among the Japanese interests involved are C. Itoh and Mitsui and Co., Marubeni Corp. and others.

Venezuela has the right to an equity interest of up to 10 per cent in the new company.

Mediterranean states agree on pollution controls

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 11, (R). — Sixteen Mediterranean nations tonight reached agreement on a draft treaty committing their governments to fight pollution in their common sea.

Only Albania and Algeria failed to attend a conference organised by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Those attending agreed to "take all appropriate measures to prevent and abate pollution in the Mediterranean."

The formal signing of the treaty is expected next Monday. The signatories undertook responsibility for the dumping of toxic material from ships, aircraft and all man-made structures.

UNEP's programme coordinator Stjepan Kekes, a Yugoslav marine ecologist, said the Mediterranean was in general a clean sea, but "certain areas are in a sad condition and this is where our efforts must be concentrated."

He said the Ligurian coast, which runs from Barcelona along France's Mediterranean coast as far as Genoa in northern Italy, and the Adriatic coast from Venice across to the northern Yugoslav town of Pola, were especially badly polluted.

Lack of Concorde orders causes large lay-offs

LONDON, Feb. 11, (AFP). — The British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) will inform 1,200 of its workers officially on Monday that they will be dismissed before next May, a BAC spokesman said today.

Most of the men concerned are working on the Franco-British supersonic airliner Concorde.

The dismissals amount to about half those which BAC had foreshadowed last November.

BAC said that the shake-down was due to the general recession in the aeronautical industry—12,000 dismissals are being considered—and to the British government's refusal to authorise, for the moment, the building of more than 18 Concorde in all in Britain and France jointly.

The last of the eight supersonic airliners due to have been made in France is now being assembled at Filton, near Bristol.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed narrowly mixed Wednesday, 15:00 hrs the F.T. Index was down 1.9 at 401.2.

Light level of activity was attributed to caution in the government's announcement of employment figures due on Friday.

Government bonds reduced rises of 5/8 after warning by dockers threatened closure of two London docks.

Leading industrials closed irregularly. Gold shares gained modestly with the bullion price. Australians and dollar stocks were mixed.

Metal Box and Tubes and Bowater lost between 4 Banks eased with Barclays 4p off. Oils were narrowly.

Dalgety showed a net gain of 18p at 238½. London and Scottish Marine Oil and Scottish Canals and Transportation were active in first time dealings.

production stocks closed at 198p after a high of 205p. secured loan stocks ended at 31½ after 32½ stg.

Tins extended yesterday's gains.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official Amman exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar	328	330
U.K. sterling	667	673
German mark	129	129.4
Swiss franc	127.9	128.3
French franc	73.6	73.9
Italian lira	43.6	43.8
Syrian pound	85.3	85.6
Egyptian pound	467	478
Iraqi dinar	902	910
Kuwaiti dinar	1120	1124
Libyan dinar	720	730
Lebanese pound	136	137.3
Algerian dinar	47	55
Saudi riyal	93.1	93.5
SAUDI dirham	82.3	82.6



BICENTENNIAL MEDAL. — The official national Bicentennial medal commemorating America's 200th anniversary features the Statue of Liberty on one side and the Great Seal of the United States on the other. It is being minted in seven combinations of size and metals. The versions in gold are the first gold medals in the history of the United States to be specifically authorised by the Congress for sale to the public.

UNRWA allows 700 students to train in Amman

girls from Arab Countries.

The history of the Amman Centre starts in 1967 when students from the East Bank were unable to continue their studies at Ramallah. In order to allow them to complete their two-year courses, a temporary centre was established in Amman.

NEED (Near East Emergency Donations) provided the necessary funds and the present permanent centre was built eight kms. S.W. of Amman, being inaugurated in 1971.

Teacher training is provided for 300 boys 250 girls with 150 girls taking vocational courses

making a total of 700.

The very extensive campus was so arranged to accommodate both sexes but not on general activities is offered to the students, including a ham radio studio (a gift from His Majesty the King), a photogra-

ondary education before being accepted for the 2 year course.

The girls who enter the vocational section do so with the minimum requirement of full preparatory education. All the girls take a basic course in health education and home economics.

There is a large handicraft unit for the boys and it is hoped to develop a course in home maintenance for boys and girls so that they can cope with problems to do with plumbing, electricity etc in the home.

The local placement office of UNRWA assists students in finding jobs, although the well-established reputation of the centre means that firms tend to make direct contact for employees.

Teachers find posts easily as there is a general shortage. Teaching practice is done in work-

future schools and are under no obligation to UNRWA.

The Education Development Centre recently established in Amman, hopes to follow-up the progress of the teachers in the field more intensively in the future.

Mrs. Mufti's belief as an educationalist is that educators must constantly evaluate and promote their work, continually striving for improvement in all areas.

Although impressed by the set-up and the high standards she has inherited at the Amman Centre, Mrs. Mufti has been busy since she took over assessing the progress made and planning for future development. She has found the staff most co-operative and the students willing and motivated in their work.

Mrs. Mufti hopes in the future to expand the vocational and technical training for girls as this is the only centre catering for refugee girls.

She also hopes to enable the facilities at the centre to be used for the benefit of all the refugee community with various courses for mature students. However, her main concern, at present, is to train the refugee children to help themselves and stand on their own feet.

Mrs. Mufti sees her role on the administrative side as that of creating an atmosphere in which the student can grow with respect and where objective scientific thinking can be developed.

With characteristic tolerance and dedication, Mrs. Mufti must surely achieve her worthy aims.



Professional beauty. Girls learning the art of make-up in the beauty parlour.

erally accepted co-educational facilities.

There are separate dormitories, one kitchen serving two adjoining dining rooms and the library has two self-contained reading rooms. The very comprehensive teacher training facilities e.g. laboratories are used at different times by the boys and girls. The three vocational courses of secretarial, beauty culture, including hair-dressing, and dress-making are of course, the preserve of the girls.

Boarding for all students is obligatory and Mrs. Mufti considers this an integral part of their overall character development. She feels that living in this integrated atmosphere adds greatly to the students' growth. A wide range of extra-cur-

ricular club, music, craft and sports.

Much of the equipment used in the laboratory is made by the students in the workshops after studies and will be used in future in the schools where the equipment is more limited.

The art and craft room, under the guidance of Mrs. S. Zaro, an artist in her own right, was a riot of colour and shapely modernistic sculptures.

Girls were having their hair styled and being shown the correct use of make-up in surroundings which closely resembled the most modern, comfortable beauty saloon.

There are many applicants for places at the Training Centre and those for teacher training and the fully secretarial course must have completed sec-



Experimental work in progress in the Physics Laboratory.

schools attached to UNRWA, although once trained, the teachers are free to choose their

Tonight's TV Features

CLAYHANGER

Sin and Romance

Starring: Don Murray

Leslie Nielsen Abby Dalton

Hicock pursues arm dealers providing weapons to the Indians fighting the Americans. Some are from the U.S. army itself. He burns their arm depot, is imprisoned and faces trial.

FEATURE FILM

The Plainsman

Hilda, hoping to see her beloved one postpones her trip to London when summoned by her mother to join her there. When she arrives it is too late. Her mother is dead. Edwin continues supervising the construction of the new house.

Where to lunch and dine Today

Seven Seas Restaurant

Jebel Amman, Al-Amir Muhammad Street. Tel. 44085. Seafood specialties. Open lunch and dinner. Take away service cooked or raw.

New Japanese

Jebel Amman, Third Circle. Tel. 42424. Speciality Shavirnia, Shashlik & Shish Kebab. Take away or lunch and dine.

STRAHOUSE

Under new Swedish management.

Piras Wings Hotel
Jebel L'Welbeh - Amman
Tel. 22103/4. Choice of three set menus daily for lunch and a La Carte. Open for lunch 12-3 p.m. and dinner 7-11 p.m. Kindly book your table.

First Circle, Jebel Amman

Tel. 25592 - Open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. - restaurant, snack bar, coffee shop, patisserie.

CHINESE Restaurant

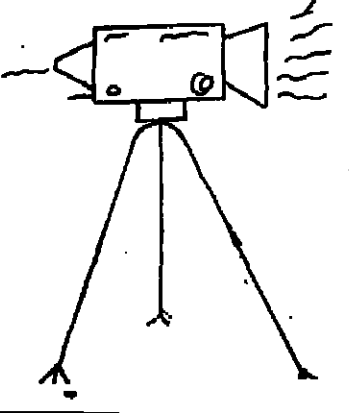
Jebel Amman, near Ahliah School or CMS, tel. 38968. Open daily from noon to 3.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.

Cinema RAINBOW

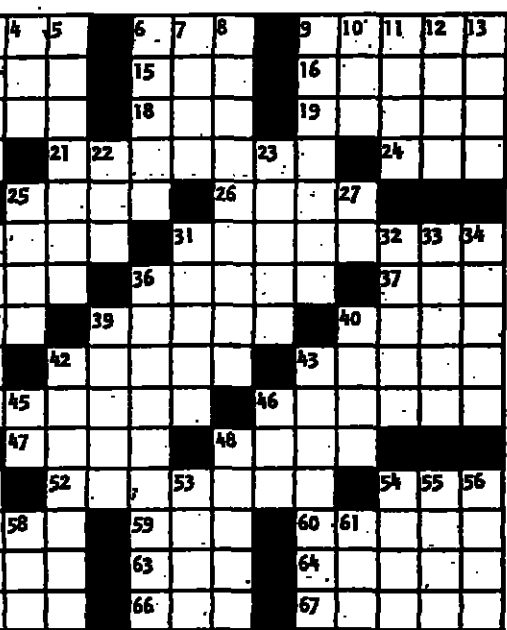
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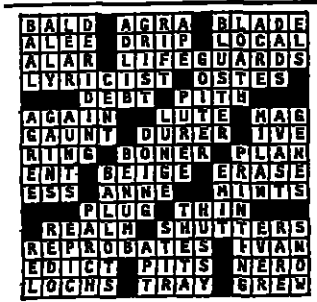
ACROSS

- 1 Of Honor
- 6 Pronoun
- 9 Turkish tribesman
- 14 Greek letter
- 15 Japanese sash
- 16 Old World lizard
- 17 Daub
- 18 Border
- 19 Standards
- 20 Tree Juice
- 21 Clutched
- 24 Pinnacle
- 25 Faithful
- 26 Sediment
- 28 Indiana river
- 31 Railway station
- 35 Accumulate
- 36 Dermis
- 37 Forthcoming constitution addition: Abbr.
- 38 Four out
- 39 Boat
- 40 French city

- 41 Suffix of origin
- 42 Martin Van
- 43 American inventor
- 44 Pauses
- 45 Farm animals
- 47 Encourage
- 48 up one's loins
- 49 Pelt
- 52 False courage
- 54 Hunter
- 57 Swiftly
- 59 Siouan Indian
- 60 Artless
- 62 Generous man
- 63 Game animal
- 64 Bury
- 65 Crisp cookies
- 66 King: Span.
- 67 Pile of stones

- 4 Turkish title
- 5 Generous giving
- 6 Hourly
- 7 Wading bird
- 8 Oaf
- 9 Bicycles built for two
- 10 Past
- 11 Mildly sharp
- 12 Bombs and bullets
- 13 Grate
- 22 College cheer
- 23 Strange
- 25 Whip
- 27 Maja's answer
- 28 Bet
- 29 Divert
- 30 First and second
- 31 Pieces of music
- 32 Approaches
- 33 Had origin
- 34 Highway divisions
- 36 Custodian
- 39 Shrewder
- 40 Drunk as a

- 42 Heavy drinkers
- 43 Stupid
- 45 Family member
- 46 Masked
- 48 Awkward
- 49 Crazy
- 50 Set (attack)
- 51 Frog genus
- 53 Cheerio: Lat.
- 54 South American monkey
- 55 Affirm



Television

- NEL 3 & 6: 8.30 Arabic play
- CHANNEL 6: 7.30 News in Hebrew 7.45 Varieties 8.30 Clayhanger 9.30 Feature film 10.00 News in English 10.15 Cont. of Feature
- Science and life

Amman Airport

- RTURES: 16.15 Cairo 16.55 London 17.45 Rome 18.00 Cairo 18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)
- Frankfurt Copenhagen
- Cairo (additional)
- Kuwait (K.A.C.)
- Paris
- Abu Dhabi Bangkok
- VALS: Bangkok Abu Dhabi Dhahran, Kuwait Dubai, Abu Dhabi Beirut Kuwait (K.A.C.)

Prayer Times

- Fajr 4.56
- Sunrise 6.28
- Dhuhr 11.53
- Asr 2.53
- Maghreb 5.20
- Isha 6.36

Radio

[ON 85 KHZ]

- 7.00 Breakfast show
- 7.30 News Bulletin
- 7.45 Morning Melodies
- 8.00 Sign off
- 12.00 Pop session (part I)
- 13.00 News Summary
- 13.03 Pop session (part II)
- 14.00 News Bulletin
- 14.10 Radio Magazine
- 14.30 Play of the Week
- 15.00 Classical Music
- 15.30 Light Instrumentals
- 16.00 Old Favourites
- 16.30 Easy listening
- 17.00 Studio one
- 18.00 News Summary
- 18.05 Listener's Choice
- 18.30 Principal foods
- 18.45 Music
- 19.00 News Bulletin
- 19.10 News Reports
- 19.20 Sign off.

Market Prices

- Apples (Double Red) 180-230
- Apples (Golden) 120-160
- Apples (Starline) 120-160
- Bell Pepper 80-110
- Cabbage 20-35
- Cauliflower 15-30
- Chestnuts 280-320
- Grapefruit 40-55
- Bananas 150-180
- Carrot (Yellow) 60-80
- Carrots (Black) 60-80
- Eggplant (Large) 60-80
- Beets 50-800
- Cucumbers (Small) 220-270
- Cucumbers (Large) 140-180
- Garlic 50-70
- Lemon 70-100
- Hot Pepper 250-310
- Horse Beans 130-160
- Marrow (Small) 160-210
- Marrow (Large) 80-120
- Mandarines 140-180
- Onion 120-150
- Oranges (French) 60-100
- Oranges 50-80
- Oranges Navel 70-100
- Potatoes (Imported) 70-80
- Potatoes Local 100-110
- String Beans 150-190
- Spinach 35-50
- Peas 200-240
- Tomatoes 50-70

Tonight's Emergencies

- DOCTORS: Sa'd Rashid (30808)
- PHARMACIES: Kamel (36295) Jerusalem (21370) Jabal Annasr (58728) Hindi (24432)
- TAXIS: Rainbow (37249) Ahram (36503) Ahl (21127)

Luns set to submit Britain cod war proposals to Iceland

LONDON, Feb. 11, (AFP). — The communique said Mr Wilson told Mr Luns that "the British government attaches great importance to the NATO aspects of the problem."

The communique said Mr Luns was briefed on talks which have already been held between the British and Icelandic governments in a bid to end the dispute and also that "Mr Luns was informed of the voluntary restrictions introduced by Britain after the Icelandic government had intimated that agreement could not be reached."

An authoritative source said Mr Luns would leave London on Thursday morning for Brussels and will make contact there with the Icelandic government.

W. Sahara figures support partition

EL AAIUN, Western Sahara, Feb. 11 (Agencies). — Three-quarters of the members of the "Jemaa," the western Sahara's assembly, have told a visiting United Nations envoy that they approved of the territory's partition between Morocco and Mauritania.

The territory is to be partitioned between Morocco and Mauritania under an agreement with Spain, which completes its withdrawal this month.

The officials said 74 assembly members told Mr. Olof Rydbeck of their approval. Of the remaining 26 members, five were thought to be in Guelta, an oasis near the Mauritanian border and others were absent, probably in "Algeria."

Moroccan military sources said Guelta was surrounded by Moroccan troops but would not be taken by force.

They said there were about 1,000 civilians in the oasis, said to be held by guerrillas of the Polisario Front, a Saharan Nationalist Movement that wants independence.

Guatemala shuns U.K. relief aid over colony status

LONDON, Feb. 11, (AFP). — Guatemala has refused earthquake disaster aid from the British government because of the dispute over the British colony of Belize, an authoritative source said here today.

But Guatemalan authorities are still willing to accept aid from private Britons.

Therefore two planes were scheduled to be sent to Guatemala with medical supplies and blankets today by British charitable organizations.

Officials at the British Foreign Office expect that negotiations over Belize will start in New Orleans in about two weeks.

Talks were to have started on Monday, but were delayed because of the earthquakes.

Guatemala has claimed Belize for more than a century and objects to British plans to grant independence to the colony, formerly called British Honduras.

Banks intervene to stop speculation

(Continued from page 1) lowed intense foreign exchange activity yesterday in which the Bank of France was forced to sell the equivalent of 250 million dollars to support the franc.

Today dealers estimated the Central Bank's sales at between 200 and 300 million dollars and at least 50 million marks, raising its estimated intervention since the latest crisis started to a least 1,600 million dollars.

The franc became a major target for speculators after the effective devaluation of the Spanish peseta on Monday.



SPILLED SKATER — West German skater Horst Freese tumbles over a snow bank after slipping on the ice rink during the 500-metre men's speed skating competition at the Innsbruck Olympic games Tuesday. He escaped unhurt. (AP wirephoto).

Scranton said Ford choice for U.N. post

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (R). —

William Scranton, former governor of Pennsylvania, is President Ford's top choice to replace Daniel Patrick Moynihan as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, the Los Angeles Times said today.

It quoted a high government official as saying he had been told this by a ranking State Department officer.

Mr. Scranton, was governor of Pennsylvania from 1963 to 1967.

In 1968, President Richard Nixon sent him on a trip to the Middle East.

His comment at the time was that the United States should have a more even handed policy in the region.



THE PRINCE OF WALES. — This new formal portrait study of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, was taken by the renowned portrait photographer, Karsh of Ottawa, at the Governor General of Canada's residence in Ottawa recently. It is the first formal portrait of the 27-year-old heir to the British throne since he was 18.

Mercenaries tell about Angola

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name of Robert Soames, saying the mercenaries only had two old-fashioned tanks and some rocket launchers to put up against the columns of modern armour.

In yet another version of the much-publicised massacre of 15 British mercenaries by their own side, Soames said the victims were in a group of 21 mutineers who opened fire on their comrades with anti-tank guns and tried to flee from a base camp.

Another British mercenary captured in Northern Angola by the Soviet-supported people's movement (MPLA) was reported in Luanda as saying he had seen the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) leader Holden Roberto accompanied by "North Americans in civilian

clothing."

The Briton, named only as Baker, said he had four times seen the Western-backed movement's leader with the North Americans, the last time being at San Antonio Do Zaire in the far north west of Angola three days before the town fell to the MPLA last Saturday, the day he was captured.

Baker was quoted in the daily Jornal De Angola. He said Mr Roberto had told the North Americans the situation in the north was untenable and that "all is lost."

Baker told the paper he had been recruited in London and paid 500 dollars at Brussels airport. He was to be paid 1,000 dollars a month after that, he said. The mercenary said he had arrived at San Antonio Do Zaire on January 21.

Police open fire on bus at games

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 11 (AFP). —

Austrian police today opened fire at a mini-bus which crashed through three road blocks on the route to Innsbruck from nearby Lizum where the women's special slalom was held at the Winter Olympics.

The 23-year-old Munich driver, the only person in the vehicle, was not wounded and police took him to a hospital examination.

The driver had been hired by an American television company to rush film of the games to studios at Innsbruck and he apparently believed he had the right to go through the barriers.

Patricia Hearst claim challenged

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (R). —

Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst's claim that she was forced to help rob a bank in 1974 has been challenged by people who were with her at that time.

At a special hearing in her trial here on charges connected with the robbery, a 19-year-old student pointed at Miss Hearst and said she was one of three Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) members who abducted him in Los Angeles the month after the holdup.

Thomas Matthews told judge Oliver Carter that Miss Hearst had said she willingly took part in the April, 1974, robbery of the Hibernia Bank in San Francisco.

And in Los Angeles, SLA members William and Emily Harris said in a taped message to reporters that the 21-year-old Miss Hearst was under no duress after joining the radical group that kidnapped her on February 4, 1974.

"She was never harmed in any way. She was never forced to do anything against her will after she joined the SLA," Emily Harris said on the tape.

Miss Hearst could be sentenced to as much as 35 years in prison if found guilty of participating in the bank raid.

Saudi Arabia set to sign contract

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the ultra-modern F-15 fighters it had wanted.

The U.S. previously sold F-5 fighters, hawk anti-aircraft missiles and ships to Saudi Arabia. In fiscal 1974, U.S.-Saudi military contracts amounted to 2,500 million dollars before dropping to 1,300 million dollars in 1975.

Contracts, including the one about to be signed, are projected for the new fiscal year to total 4,000 million dollars.

Aims for "golden triple"

Rosi Mittermaier takes 2 ski gold medal at Olymp

INNSBRUCK, Feb. 11, (AFP). — Rosi Mittermaier of West Germany eclipsed local hero Franz Klammer at the winter Olympic Games here today when she added the women's alpine ski special slalom to the Olympic downhill title she won last week.

The 25-year-old daughter of a Bavarian hotelier put Klammer's men's downhill win of last week in the shade by taking the special slalom gold in a total time of 30.45 sec and with it a serious option on becoming the first woman ever to achieve the Olympic "golden triple."

She won ahead of Italy's Toni Sailer and Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy, the only two competitors in the history of the winter games to have won the downhill, slalom and giant slalom.

She won a head of Italy's Claudia Giordani, and Liechtenstein's Hauni Wenzel.

Giordani clocked a total of 1:30.87 and Wenzel timed 1:32.20.

Finland, meanwhile, broke through traditional Soviet domination of the cross country ski events by winning the men's 4x10 kilometres relay in 2H 07:59.72.

Norway took the silver medal, one minute and 59 seconds behind the winners, while the Soviet team floundered in third after their first-leg man, Evgeni Belyaev, lost a ski after 27 minutes.

In conditions unfavourable to world or Olympic speed skating records, Norwegian army officer Sten Stensen won the men's 5,000 metres title in 7:24.48, well outside the Olympic record of 7:23:61 set by

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French troops march

DJIBOUTI, Feb. 11,

Several thousand demonstrators who marched through the centre of here today were met in confrontation by barbed barricades and a heavy of some 500 French for gionnaires and hundre gendarmes.

The peaceful march, including the arrest African F Independence League spokesman Ahmed Di week was staged in defiance of a ban by the newly-appointed high commissioner. on had grown all day as troops blocked off Djibouti districts from thoroughfare, Gamal Ab ser avenue.

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